Senate Amendment 5106

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Amend Senate File 2132 as follows:
    2 <u>#1.</u> Page 1, by striking lines 1 through 25 and
     3 inserting the following:
         <Section 1. Section 809.5, subsection 1, Code</pre>
    5 Supplement 2007, is amended to read as follows:
    6 1. Seized property which is no longer required as 7 evidence or for use in an investigation shall be
    8 returned to the owner, provided that the person's
    9 possession of the property is not prohibited by law
   10 and there is no forfeiture claim filed on behalf of
 1 11 the state.
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          a. The If the value of the property is greater
    13 than five hundred dollars, the seizing agency shall
 1 14 send serve notice by personal service or by sending
   15 the notice by restricted certified mail, return
   16 receipt requested, to the last known address of any
 1 17 person having an ownership or possessory right in the
 1 18 property stating that the property must be claimed
 1 19 within thirty days from the date of receipt of the
1 20 notice. Refusal of restricted certified mail, return 1 21 receipt requested, shall be construed as receipt of
 1 22 the notice. Such notice shall state that if no
1 23 written claim for the property is filed with the 1 24 seizing agency within thirty days from the date of
 1 25 receipt of the notice, the property shall be deemed
 1 26 abandoned and disposed of accordingly.
1 27 b. If the value of the property is equal to or
   28 less than five hundred dollars, the seizing agency
   29 shall serve notice by personal service or by sending
    30 the notice by regular mail to the last known address
   31 of any person having an ownership or possessory right
35 the property with the seizing agency within thirty
    36 days from the date of receipt of the notice and must
   37 take possession of the property within thirty days of 38 the expiration of the period of time for filing a
    39 written claim. If no written claim is filed within
 1 40 thirty days from the date of receipt of the notice or
1 41 if a written claim is filed but the claimant does not
 1 42 take possession of the property within thirty days of
 1 43 the expiration of the period of time for filing the
1 44 written claim, the property shall be deemed abandoned
  45 and shall be disposed of accordingly.
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         d. The notice served or sent pursuant to this
   47 subsection shall inform the recipient of the filing
   48 and possession requirements of paragraph "c"
         b. e. The seizing agency shall not release the
   50 property to any party until the expiration of the date 1 for filing claims. In the event that there is more
    2 than one claim filed for the return of property under
    3 this section, at the expiration of the period for 4 filing claims the seizing agency shall file a copy of
    5 all such claims with the clerk of court and the clerk
    6 shall proceed as if such claims were filed by the
    7 parties under section 809.3. In the event that no
   8 owner can be located or no claim is filed under this
   9 section for property having a value of less than five
2 10 hundred dollars, the property shall be deemed 2 11 abandoned and the seizing agency shall become the
 2 12 owner of such property and may dispose of it in any
 2 13 reasonable manner.
   14 c. f. For unclaimed property having a In the 15 event that the owner is unable to be located or the
2 16 property is deemed abandoned the following shall
    17 apply:
 2 18 (1) If the value equal to or of the prope 2 19 greater than five hundred dollars, forfeiture
                 <u>If the</u> value <del>equal to or</del> <u>of the property is</u>
   20 proceedings shall be initiated pursuant to the
 2 21 provisions of chapter 809A. If the court does not 2 22 order the property forfeited to the state in the
 2 23 forfeiture proceedings pursuant to chapter 809A, the 2 24 seizing agency shall become the owner of the property
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2 25 and may dispose of it in any reasonable manner.
2 26 Unclaimed firearms
2 27 (2) If the value of the property is equal to or
2 28 less than five hundred dollars, the seizing agency
2 29 shall become the owner of the property and may dispose
2 30 of it in any reasonable manner.
2 31 (3) Firearms and ammunition, if not forfeited
2 32 pursuant to chapter 809A, shall be disposed of by the
2 33 department of public safety or the department of
2 34 natural resources pursuant to section 809.21, if not
2 35 forfeited pursuant to chapter 809A.>
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